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The Honorable Barb Byrum
Chair
House Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs
P.O. Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Chairwoman Byrum:

The Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union would like to express our support for House Bill 4821, sponsored by Representative Kathy Angerer.

There are very few professions that require one to risk his or her life on a daily basis. This is an inherent risk that our members decide to live with when they choose to join the fire service. The surviving spouse and children, however, do not get to make the choice to live without their partner and parent. The tragedy of losing a loved one is only compounded by canceling the health care benefits on which the surviving spouse and children depend.

We strongly support this legislation as being the decent and proper way to protect the families of those people who are tragically killed while protecting the people of Michigan.

Sincerely,

Paul Hufnagel
President